

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 31st October 2024 At Voe Hall

2024/10/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)
Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)

Mr A Hall
Ms J Dennison

2024/10/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter - Clerk

2024/10/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2024/10/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne, Ms E Macdonald, Ms R Griffiths, Mr B Moreland, and Ms L Hall.

2024/10/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2024 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Mr A Hall.

2024/10/06 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING 1st OCTOBER 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2024 were approved by Mr A Hall and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2024/10/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2024/10/08 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

8.1 There were no new members to Co-Opt. Clerk emailed Ms L Manson regarding co-opting youth members onto Delting Community Council from November meeting. Ms L Manson is going to ask their two S5 pupil Council representatives when the school returns.

2024/10/09 MATTERS ARISING

- 9.1 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.2 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.3 **Testing at Scatsta** – There is no planned testing at Scatsta until next year.
- 9.4 **Windfarm Development** – See minutes form Special Meeting.
- 9.5 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.6 **Graveyard bin** – There was no update on this item.

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- 9.7 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – There was no update on this item. **Ms E Macdonald to progress.**
- 9.8 **Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.9 **Repair work in Moorfield Estate** – The frosted windows have still not been replaced in the Moorfield Estate.
- 9.10 **Bench at Main Road at Galley Shed** – The bench has been removed and concrete been laid.
- 9.11 **Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – Mr A Hunter responded the first thing they would be aiming to do would be to undertake work to widen the existing footway from the school to the south, past the hall/Rural Energy Hub site and ideally extending it further out, and the funding should allow them to get that designed and for land acquisition to be started in 2025-26. He will try and get another update to you as soon as possible to confirm that. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Mr A Hall requested that the clerk respond to email with the following questions: In your response you state regarding widening the existing footway 'the funding should allow us to get that designed and for land acquisition to be started in 2025-26'. The Community Council would like to know if this mean nothing will actually be delivered on the ground and the funding will be used on the 'paperwork' side of the project? If this is the case, will extra funding be required to carry out the works, which may not necessarily be available as this project may not be prioritised as per the Council's capital programme and it will need to compete with other projects.
The SYSTRA Brae Active Travel Audit included 25 recommendations, where improvements are easily achievable without too much expense, that would be visible to the community. The community councillors would like to know if these could be prioritised, for example no 4 'Design "gateway points" to Brae to enforce reduce speed limit. The same applies to both north and south entrances.' The members would like a response before meeting on 31st October. There was no response to the questions asked by Clerk. The members do not want all the funding being used to do the plans and then rely on the Capitals Programme. Mr A Cooper asked clerk to email Mr A Hunter and Mr M Craigie again asking for a response and to copy in Mr N Grant and Ms E Macdonald. **Clerk to progress.**

2024/10/10 POLICE REPORT

- 10.1 There have been 9 incidents recorded for August/September which can be summarised as follows:
Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
- Neighbour Dispute
- Public Nuisance
Acquisitive Crime
- Fraud
Protecting Vulnerable People
- Concern for Person
- Sexual Offence (3)
Other
- Communications Misuse (2)

2024/10/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 11.1 **2024/023/WL – Marine Planning-** McKimms Ltd -To Build Two Finger Piers for a Boat Lift/Hoist and Associated Works. Sella Ness Industrial Estate Sullom Voe Shetland ZE2 9UR. This e-mail is a formal consultation under the Zetland County Council Act 1974. All plans can be viewed at: [Works Licence Consultation.pdf](#) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.2 **2024/012/WL - 2024/022/WL** - Works licence applications withdrawn from July 2024.

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11.3 2024/272/PPF - To erect single storey dwellinghouse; install air source heat pump; create new access track, turning area and car parking; install surface water soakaway. South Of Imoshan, Hillside, Voe, Shetland ZE2 9PX Ms Shannon Leslie. All Plans can be viewed [Simple Search \(shetland.gov.uk\)](https://www.shetland.gov.uk) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2024/10/12 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall was unable to attend the meeting.

2024/10/13 FINANCE UPDATE

13.1 The clerk updated members on the current financial position for 24/25.

13.2 Mr A Cooper updated the members with information from the special meeting of the Chairs of the Community Councils meeting at SIC regarding future funding at Community Councils. Mr M Duncan said council budgets were under stress and the grant aid system has remained the same since 2013 and they want to have a fresh look at it. Some of the community councils are at the stage where all their funding is spent on administration of the community councils. The budget is unchanged for 25/26. There were three proposals for core funding being put forward, £12,000, £10,000, and £8,000 and the remainder a stand still budget which would be allocated based on population. It was decided at their meeting to take the points raised back to the SIC for further discussion.

2024/10/14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – CGS0006 - Brae Xmas Party - They are looking for funding to ensure that all children get the opportunity to attend the party and receive a Christmas present from Santie regardless of their family's socioeconomic background or standing in the community. The aim is to be fully inclusive and provide the party to all for free with gifts of equal value so as not to put pressure on families who may be struggling for a variety of reasons. Last year it was difficult to find reasonable sized gifts for £10 per child so we would like to increase this allowance to £15 per child. There are approx. 150 children & babies. Therefore, we will need 150 x 15 = £2,250 for gifts alone. We also provide tea/coffee/homebakes/snacks for parents, grandparents, carers, and their children. We have fund-raised £1,425.00 ourselves since last year's party. They are applying for £1000. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £1000. **Clerk to progress**

14.2 2025 meeting dates – Mr M Duncan has requested a list of approved meeting dates for next year 2025. The Clerk emailed a list of dates to the members. These dates were approved at the meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

14.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Action, Alasdair Allan MSP – A letter from the Minister for Climate Action, Alasdair Allan MSP, in connection with fuel poverty research that is being compiled. Community Councils are encouraged to submit written responses to Scottish Government by no later than 8 November 2024. See attached PDF for more details. Mr A Cooper asked for the following response to be submitted by the clerk –Shetland has the largest percentage of fuel poverty in Scotland at 50% and we pay the highest electricity bills in Scotland. This needs to change and it needs to change quickly. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.4 Association of Shetland Community Councils - 6 November 2024 - SIC Finance have asked for the information to be shared with you in advance of the Association of Shetland Community Council (ASCC) meeting. Please pass this document to your respective ASCC representative(s). Mr A Cooper told the members the first paper is regarding the Mothballing of schools and that Community Councils will not be consulted. Mr A Cooper wants Community Councils consulted. The second paper is regarding council Tax consultation and specifically the Council Tax for second homes. The report does not mention houses which are not fit for habitation. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.5 Invite to see development plans for the Brae Youth Centre in 2025 [Rural Energy Hubs project] - The Rural Energy Hubs project partners and Brae Youth Centre Committee would like to invite you to join us at the Brae Youth Centre at the end of this week to hear more about the exciting developments planned for the building and community in 2025.

The public are invited to attend a series of drop-in sessions in Brae on Nov 1st and 2nd, that will update the community on the latest stages of the plans to establish the first Rural Energy Hub in the Brae Youth Centre in 2025. The Hub is being set up as part of the Rural Energy Hubs project, funded by Innovate UK, and the project team have been working closely with the Brae Youth Centre Committee, on the design for retrofit of the building and planning how the new Hub services will work with the existing activities in the BYC. The drop-in session will be an opportunity to see designs and discuss what is planned.

The project aims to make physical energy efficiency improvements to the Brae Youth Centre, so it is warmer and more comfortable for all the user groups using the spaces. The Rural Energy Hub will also be seeking to attract new community groups, individual users and businesses by the addition of new facilities and services to demonstrate the concept of a Rural Energy Hub. These will include, but not limited to, shared working spaces, rapid charging facilities, renewable energy generation, a cafe, a car club and e-bikes. There will also be services based in the Hub to support individuals and businesses to decarbonise their own homes and businesses, such as getting electric cars and chargers, solar and batteries and low carbon heating options.

The Rural Energy Hubs project team will be holding two drop-in sessions on the Friday 1st November from 4pm until 7pm, and Saturday 2nd November from 10:30am until 12:30pm. Attendees will be able to speak to the project team, see the work to date, and the plans for the building. The project team are also very keen to speak with individuals who might be interested in getting involved in the future. Mr A Cooper was going to attend. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**

14.6 Community Resilience - Potentially save someone's life - CPR is an emergency lifesaving procedure, performed when the heart stops beating. Each year over 30,000 people have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK, with less than one in ten surviving - giving CPR and using a defibrillator can more than double someone's chance of survival.

The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) are working together through a partnership with the British Heart Foundation to equip people with vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest outside of hospital.

We can offer a free training session for communities where people will be able to –

- Learn how to recognise a cardiac arrest and what to do in an emergency situation
- Understand when you should call 999 and what to expect
- Learn CPR technique and help you perfect it while you practise
- Learn how to use a defibrillator and where you can find your nearest one

The sessions are around 60-90 mins and include instruction and practice of CPR and defibrillation facilitated by the Ambulance and Fire team.

We intend to provide sessions across Shetland and we would greatly appreciate your assistance in promoting this within your communities. We would also like to specifically offer Community Council Chairs and members a training session in the hope that this may promote wider public awareness.

"We firmly believe that sharing lifesaving CPR skills to every Shetlander will mean fewer families will experience the devastation of losing a loved one."

If you would like to find out more or speak about arranging a session, please contact Matt or Drew on - matt.mason@firescotland.gov.uk Andrew.Mayhew@nhs.scot

N.B. Could we also bring to your attention the opportunity to apply for a free defibrillator for your community – [Defibrillator funding for your local community - BHF](#) and online resources - [CPR and defibrillators: how to save a life - BHF](#)

The attached document provides guidance to a group considering getting a defibrillator and the responsibilities involved including-

- how much it will cost to purchase and maintain
- where you'll put it

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- how to service and maintain it
- who will look after it.

Mr E Smith thought the Welcome Inn would be a good place to have a defibrillator. Mr A Cooper will speak to the Landlady.

Mr E Smith recently completed his training and Mr A Cooper did not think we would want a training session at this time. We can ask the other members when they are at the next meeting.

Mr A Cooper thinks it would be good to promote in the community and put on the Facebook page.

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2024/10/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

15.1 Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults YEAR 4 – NOW OPEN -

Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) is delighted to launch the fourth year of the Communities Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults on behalf of the Scottish Government on **Friday 27th September 2024**. The Fund was established in October 2021 and to date has distributed around £51 million to community initiatives supporting mental health and wellbeing across Scotland. The Fund has a strong focus on prevention and early intervention and aims to support grass roots community groups in tackling mental health inequalities and address priority issues of social isolation and loneliness, suicide prevention and tackling poverty and inequality. There will be a continued emphasis in Year 4 on responding to the ongoing cost of living crisis and on those facing socio economic disadvantage, with a particular focus on supporting the six priority family groups identified under Best Start Bright Futures: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan. The Fund will continue to be delivered through a locally focused and co-ordinated approach via local partnership groups (building upon existing partnerships and with VAS as lead partner), working together to ensure that support to community-based organisations is directed appropriately and in a coherent way. This collaborative approach is more important than ever, giving increasing budget and capacity constraints within individual sectors. **Closing Date for applications is Mon 25th November 2024.**

The overarching aim of the Fund is to: Support community-based initiatives that promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and/or mitigate and protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health within the adult population (aged 16 or over), with a particular focus on prevention and early intervention. For an application pack and for any initial enquiries please: **E-mail: vas@shetland.org. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.2 Door to Door Sales Callers Warning - Press Release - Council warns of door-to-door sales callers - Shetland Islands Council is warning local residents to be aware of people going door-to-door in Shetland at the moment, offering to do work on driveways and car parks.

The Council's Trading Standards and Roads Services are aware of people falsely claiming to be doing work for the Council, saying they have materials left over which they want to use up. Services being offered include laying tar, surface dressing and line marking, with the prices charged generally much higher than normal, and the quality of work is often poor.

David Marsh, Team Leader – Trading Standards said: "If you are approached in this way, the best advice is to firmly refuse what is being offered. If you are thinking about getting work done on your own property there are a number of local businesses, as well as the Council's Roads Service, that offer such services. You are best to get quotes from two or three suppliers and make sure you have a clear agreement in writing about exactly what is to be done, and how much it will cost, before any work begins." Anyone needing advice on any consumer issue, or who wants to report an incidence of rogue trading, can contact Trading Standards by emailing trading_standards@shetland.gov.uk or by phoning 01595 744887. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.3 The Robertson Trust - The Robertson Trust has announced the opening of its "Wee Grants" and "Transport Grants". New-look Transport Grants offers increased funding for charities of between £5K-20K per year for 1-3 years. By supporting the costs of a vehicle, or transport costs

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more broadly, the fund aims to help charities deliver their services and remove barriers for people and places affected by poverty and trauma. This is in recognition that a lack of access to affordable, reliable transport can impact the ability to participate in society and thrive.

Meanwhile, the Wee Grants offers funding of up to £5,000 for constituted community groups and charities in Scotland with an annual income of less than £30,000. This marks an increase from the previous maximum of £2,000. Through these grants, we want to support organisations who are focused on building strong communities in places which have higher rates of poverty and trauma, or who are working with certain groups of people who are at a higher risk of experiencing poverty and trauma. You can read more [here](#). The Robertson Trust will shortly be confirming dates for the return of its new-look Large and Small Grants. Mr A Cooper wants email forwarded to schools and Delting Football Club. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.4 The Robertson Trust - Small and Large Grants now open** - The Robertson Trust has announced the opening of its Small and Large Grant programmes. Their initial focus is on the following themes:

Financial Security: improving income adequacy, income security, manageable costs, financial safety nets and advice for those most at risk of poverty and trauma

Education Pathways: preventing and reducing poverty and trauma through access and engagement in early years, education, training and learning

Work Pathways: improving access to good and fair work that can prevent and reduce poverty through increased pay, hours and career progression. This also includes employability support, focused on areas or groups with lower employment rates

Updated guidance is now available. The new-look Small Grants offer increased funding of between £5,000-£20,000 per year, typically for 3 years. This marks an increase from the previous maximum of £15,000 per year. The new-look Large Grants now offer funding of between £20,000-£50,000 per year. This marks a change from the previous minimum of £15,000.

The Robertson Trust will be launching a fourth funding theme later this year, following on from its previous Emotional Wellbeing and Relationships theme, with a sharper focus aligned to the aims of its strategy.

The Small and Large grant programmes are open all year round with no set closing dates. For more information see website: [Small and Large Grants Now Open | The Robertson Trust](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.5 Private water supply research** – Heather Anderson is a researcher at the University of Stirling and she is investigating private water supply quality in Scotland. She is particularly interested in how users of private water supplies perceive the quality of their water and how effective the current support is for improving private supplies.

She has created a short survey and anybody who currently has (or has previously had) a private water supply can complete it. She is looking for around 50 responses and anybody who completes the survey will be given the chance to enter a prize draw to win £25 supermarket vouchers. This is the link to the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/4LvZqeU64J>

She believes there may be properties on a private water supply in Delting. The members think there are no homes with a private water supply in Delting. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.6 Community Councils survey - Insights on Community Resilience in Emergencies** - Community Councils are being encouraged to respond to this. The Scottish Government's Resilient Communities Team, in partnership with the Improvement Service, has developed [an online survey](#) to gather insight and information from representatives of Community Councils on a range of resilience issues. The survey is designed to better understand how Community Councils are supporting local people through emergencies and challenging situations, and what further support might be needed. The survey findings will be used to inform the support and guidance provided to community groups on resilience issues. Responses will also help to inform national policy by providing a clearer picture of the contribution Community Councils make to Scotland's national resilience. The survey is hosted on Microsoft Forms and will remain open until 15 November, with findings reported back to Community Councils through the Improvement Service in Spring 2025. You can access the survey [here](#). Please contact the Scottish Government's

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Ready Scotland mailbox if you have any questions. Mr E Smith completed the survey. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.7 HIE Survey - Our Place, Our Prosperity - The Voice of Communities** - Community groups can take part by using the following link: <https://www.research.net/r/OurPlaceOurProsperitySurvey> Closes 31st October. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.8 Energy Saving Trust Energy Redress Scheme - Just Transition Fund** - A total of £5 million is available in grants to charities and community energy groups across England, Scotland and Wales to develop renewable energy projects that benefit those most in need. The fund, piloted under the scheme's Carbon Emissions Reductions priority, aims to build the capacity of the community energy sector and deliver impactful renewable energy projects. It seeks to demonstrate how a just transition to net zero can benefit everyone. The Just Transition Fund will award grants between £20,000 and £250,000 to individual projects. The deadline for applications to the first round of the Just Transition Fund is **5pm on 19 November 2024**. To access the online application, organisations must first register with the scheme via the [Energy Redress website](#). This should be done at least ten working days before the fund closes to allow time for eligibility checks and to complete the form if registration is successful. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.9 Networking for Net Zero Stakeholder - Autumn Newsletter - The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2024/10/16 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 16.1 Lights on top of the telecom tower at Scatsta** - Mr E Smith asked if there was any use for the lights on top of the telecom tower at Scatsta. Its burning electricity and causing light pollution. Mr A Cooper wants Clerk to contact Openreach to ask why the lights are still on as they are no longer required for the airfield. **Clerk to progress.**
- 16.2 Remembrance Sunday** – Ms R Griffiths would like to know if the members want her to place a wreath on Remembrance Sunday. The members agreed for her to do this. Mr A Cooper will arrange the wreath.
- 16.3 Sign at Sparl** – Mr A Cooper wants the sign at Sparl junction replaced as it is difficult to see where the junction is. Clerk to email Mr N Hutchison. **Clerk to progress.**
- 16.4 Community Council files - Retention & Destruction Policy** – Mr A Cooper asked Mr M Duncan about this as we need to be able to access files and look back. It would not be easy to do this if they were in Lerwick. There was no resolution to it. Clerk will look at policy and what records we have and decide what can be destroyed. **Clerk to progress.**
- 16.5 Cattle grid croft at Scarvataing in Muckle Roe** - The cattle grids on the access road to the Muckle Roe kirkyard are needing cleared out. The middle one is badly in need of a clear out. The road itself could also do with having the grass scraped back at this section of the road. If it gets much worse it will start to scrape the bottoms of cars. The clerk to email Burial services. **Clerk to progress.**

2024/10/17 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 17.1** The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank School on Thursday 28th November commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman